

MLIE HISTORY



The following history has been kindly collated by Maurice Carder, one of the founders and original committee members. [Please contact the committee](#) if you spot any errors, or if you have any photos to share from previous conferences.

1983: ECIS autumn conference, Rome. A group of concerned teachers decided to form a committee to represent the pedagogical needs of ESL students in international schools. A subject committee was formed, Shirley Bakker was nominated as Chair, and other committee members included Coreen Sears, Sandra Meakin and Maurice Carder.

1987: the 1st ECIS ESL Conference was held at the Vienna IS, Vienna. Organised by Maurice Carder. Keynote speaker: Jim Cummins, OISE, Toronto, Canada. Guest speaker: Dick Allwright, University of Lancaster, UK; Chair of TESOL. Committee Chair: Maurice Carder.

1989: the 2nd ECIS ESL Conference was held at Ferney-Voltaire, France, near Geneva. Sandra Meakin organised accommodation; Maurice Carder organised the speakers. Keynote speaker: Dr Virginia Collier, George Mason University, USA. Committee Chair: Maurice Carder.

1991: the 3rd ECIS ESL Conference was held at Cavtat, near Dubrovnik, Croatia. Organised by Maurice Carder. Keynote speaker: Dr Virginia Rojas. It was agreed to change the name of the committee to ESL & Mother Tongue Committee. Committee Chair: Maurice Carder.

1993: the 4th ECIS ESL & MT Conference was held in Munich, Germany. Organised by Jeanne-Marie Briginshaw. Committee Chair: Jenny Suitemaker Committee members: Kim Oppenheim, Jeanne-Marie Briginshaw. The '& MT' was dropped.

1994-1999: ECIS ESL Committee Chair: Brannan Gary. Committee members: Kim Oppenheim, Jeanne-Marie Briginshaw.

2000: the 5th ECIS ESL & MT Conference was held at the Vienna IS, Vienna. '& MT' was officially recognised by the ECIS CEO, Dixie McKay. Organised by Maurice Carder. Keynote speaker: David Graddol, via video link. Guest speakers: Constant Leung, Rebecca Field, Else Hamayan. Committee Chair: Jeanne-Marie Briginshaw. Committee members: Maurice Carder, Eithne Gallagher, Kim Oppenheim.

2002: the 6th ECIS ESL & MT Conference was held at Leysin American School, Switzerland. Organised by Kim Oppenheim. Keynote speakers: Virginia Collier and Wayne Thomas. Guest speakers: Deborah Short, Rebecca Freeman-Field, Else Hamayan, Virginia Rojas, Jim Cummins, Stephen Krashen. Committee Chair: Jeanne-Marie Briginshaw; Committee members: Maurice Carder, Eithne Gallagher, Kim Oppenheim.

2005: the 7th ECIS ESL & MT Conference was held in Rome. 'Many languages, one message: equal rights to the curriculum'. Organised by Eithne Gallagher. Keynote speaker: Stephen Krashen. Guest speakers: Jim Cummins, Else Hamayan, John Landon, Anna Uhl Chamot, Tove Skutnabb-Kangas, Edna Murphy, Brian Dare. Committee Chair: Eithne Gallagher. Committee members: John Deighan, Patricia Mertin, Kim Oppenheim, Lynddi Readean.

2008: the 8th ECIS ESL & MT Conference was held in Geneva. "Promoting multilingual student identities across the international school curriculum". Organised by John Deighan. Keynote speaker: Jim Cummins. Guest speakers: Chris Davidson, Pauline Gibbons, Stephen Krashen, Viv Edwards, Ofelia Garcia, Riccardo Otheguy, Brian Dare. Committee Chair: Dr Patricia Mertin. Committee members: Nick Clark, Pascale Hertay, Lynddi Readean.

2011: the 9th ECIS ESL & MT Conference was held in Dusseldorf, Germany. "Promoting Linguistic Human Rights in International Schools: from Theory to the Classroom". Organised by Dr Patricia Mertin. Keynote speakers: Tove Skutnabb-Kangas with Robert Phillipson. Guest speakers: Jim Cummins, Else Hamayan. Dr Maurice Carder, Elizabeth Coelho, Margaret Early, Rebecca Freeman-Field, Eithne Gallagher, Christine Helot, Sunny Man Chu Lau, Constant Leung. Committee Chair: Kim Oppenheim. Committee members: Frances Bekechi, Nick Clarke, Pascale Hertay, Lynddi Readean,

2014: the 10th ECIS ESL & MT Conference was held at the IS of Amsterdam. 'Developing multi-literate global citizens: from language policy to classroom practice'. Keynote speaker: Dr Catherine Snow, Harvard University. Guest speakers: Jim Cummins, Alma Flor Ada, F. Isabel Campoy, Roma Chumak-Horbatsch, Eithne Gallagher, Fred Genesee, Else Hamayan, Deborah Short, Carol Inugai-Dixon, Dr Maurice Carder, Dr Patricia Mertin, Eugenia Papadaki. Committee Chair: Chadwick Williams. Committee members: Frances Bekechi, Nick Clarke, Niki Cooper, Eugenia Papadaki, Ron Rosenow.

2017: the 11th ECIS ESL & MT Conference was held in Copenhagen, 2-5 March, at the Tivoli Hotel. 'The Power of Multilingual Classrooms in International Education: Implications for Curriculum Design, Teaching and Learning.' Keynote Speakers: Jim Cummins, Paul Kei Matsuda, Pauline Gibbons, Stephen Krashen. Guest speakers: Jon Nordmeyer, Beth Skelton, Brian Dare, Linda Li, Sheldon Bradshaw, Else Hamayan, Fred Genesee, Patricia Mertin, et al. Committee name changed to MLIE – Multilingual Learning in International Education. Committee Chair: Ron Rosenow. Committee members: Niki Cooper, Ros Şentürk, Aaron Deupree, Eugenia Papadaki.

2019: the 12th MLIE conference was held in London, 1-3 March. hosted by the International School of London and held at the Novotel London West in Hammersmith. 'Unity through Multilingualism'. Key note speakers: Jim Cummins, Mary Hayden, Paul Kei Matsuda, Fred Genesee, Kate Seltzer. Invited speakers: Li Wei, Victoria Murphy, Jean-Marc Dewaele, Yongcan Liu, Jackie Jia Lou, Judit Kormos, Antonella Sorace, Constant Leung, Robert Sharples, Jim Anderson, Patricia Bloem, Laura Vander Broek, Yu-Chiao Chung, Vicky McLeroy, Monika Schmid, Lise Fontaine, Beth Skelton. Additionally, the conference featured 4 student speakers as well as over 50 teacher presenters. Committee chair: Susan Stewart. Committee members: Niki Cooper, Ron Rosenow, Mindy McCracken.

